THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The outbreak of disease will adversely affect shrimp production in Andhra Pradesh and some pockets of Tamil Nadu.

(b) MPEDA has made a preliminary assessment.

(c) MPEDA commissioned a study by the National Environment Engineering Research Institute on issues related to environmental management in shrimp farming which has come out with suggestions and a design for environment management in aquafirms including effluent treatment, systems. These are being widely disseminated.

Investment in industrial sector

3158. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has made any investment in the industrial sector of developed and developing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Indian companies have been investing industrial projects both in developed and developing countries.

(b) As on 31-12-94, a total of 280 such proposal have been approved of which 111 are operational. The total quantum of Indian investment projected in these proposals is Rs. 102231.96 lacs.

(c) Does not arise.

Legislation regarding ban on tobacco Beeri products

3159. SHRI V. RAJAN CHALLAPPA:

SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commerce Ministry has proposed legislation suggesting a ban on tobacco and beedi products;

(b) if so, the reasons for such proposals; and

(c) whether Commerce Ministry will study the impact of such legislation on employment in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Demand for more quantity of sugar by Government of Delhi

3160. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Delhi has demanded more quantity of sugar for distribution through the public distribution system; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not enhancing the allocation of sugar to Delhi Government?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of the decline in sugar production during last two consecutive sugar seasons i.e. 1992-93 and 1993-94 and limited availability of levy sugar, it has not been possible to enhance levy sugar quota of Delhi.